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Re: Welcome and Activation of ACT membership of Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo

Dear Mr Rodríguez Ginart,

Greetings from the ACT Alliance Secretariat in Geneva.

Thank you for your application for membership to the ACT Alliance. I am very pleased to inform you that on 13 October 2021, the ACT Alliance Governing Board approved Centro Cristiano de Reflexión y Diálogo (CCRD) as a new Voting Member of ACT Alliance¹.

The ACT Alliance global strategy “Putting People First” 2019-2026 roots the mission of the Alliance in our shared value base. We are called to play our part in God’s plans for the world. His loving plan is that of full life and dignity for all – it is a vision for a planet where everyone lives in peace, relationships are just, where the inherent dignity of all human beings is safeguarded, communities support each other, and the planet stays protected for new generations. ACT Alliance members join hands with one another and with the broader ecumenical movement in advocating for human dignity, in strengthening the resilience of communities and in protecting the sustainability of our environment. ACT Alliance *is* its members. The members create what the Alliance is. Your values inspire the mission of ACT Alliance in the world it seeks to change. Your engagement makes the work of the Alliance possible and helps the Alliance structures – ACT forums, communities of practices, reference groups and governance bodies – thrive and be meaningful to the needs of the members. Your guidance unlocks the limits of the Alliance and we resource the Alliance with your contributions.

Membership Agreement and Activation of Membership

In order to fully activate your membership in the ACT Alliance, the ACT Membership Agreement and its Annex 1: The ACT Code of Good Practice have to be signed on pages 8 and 13 and returned by your organisation **within a maximum of six (6) months**. Thank you for returning an electronic copy

¹ The ACT Secretariat is structured with a global secretariat in eight locations: Amman, Bangkok, Brussels, Geneva, Nairobi, New York, San Salvador (El Salvador) and Toronto. See <https://actalliance.org/about/secretariat/>

with scanned signatures as soon as possible to Penny Blachut, Membership and HR Officer at Penny.blachut@actalliance.org. Once received, we will confirm the activation of your organisation's membership and send you a copy of the membership agreement signed by ACT for your records. Do note that without compliance, the membership does not come into effect and appeals cannot be implemented, nor will your organisation be able to participate in governance structures or attend the General Assembly.

As our next General Assembly is taking place electronically from Monday, November 29, 2021 to Friday, December 3, 2021, if we receive the signed membership Agreement in time, CCRD's delegates will still be able to attend and Penny Blachut will send the registration details and all the documentation. There is also a pre-assembly for Latin America and the Caribbean planned for registered participants on 20 October.

Membership and Income-based Fees

At its 2018 General Assembly in Uppsala (Sweden), ACT Alliance approved a new Membership Engagement Model that became operational as of January 2020². As a voting member of ACT Alliance, you are required to pay an annual membership fee of USD 1000.- to the ACT national forum in your country, or the regional forum in your region if there is no forum in your country. Your organisation will be part of the Cuba Forum. We will inform the forum of the activation of your membership as soon as you have signed and returned the Membership Agreement. You will then be contacted by the forum. Should an income-based fee (IBF) be applicable, this will be paid directly to the Secretariat. To calculate whether your organisation is required to pay any IBF, you will be contacted by Penny Blachut for any relevant audited accounts that might still be needed.

Co-Branding and Website Profile

Co-Branding is an obligation for organisations that are members of the ACT Alliance. Your organisation will be added to the list of members on our website and a short profile on your organisation will be uploaded there too. We will put you or your communications staff in relation with our Director of Communications, Simon Chambers, to guide you on co-branding and share with you ACT Alliance logos, and to receive your organisation's logo and short profile.

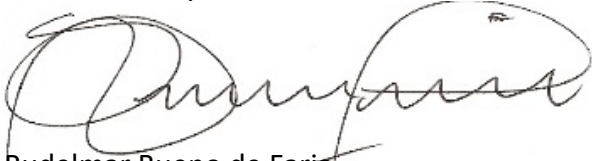
Mailing Lists

The email address ccrdcuba@gmail.com which you indicated for receiving correspondence as the "Primary Contact for the ACT Alliance" in your application form, will be added to our mailing lists. From the moment your membership is activated, you will receive any communication addressed to the ACT membership as well as all our appeals. Please always send any relevant contact changes in your organisation to Penny Blachut. In line with the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), once your name is added to our database, you will receive a message asking for your explicit approval to receive mass mailings. You must also sign up via this link: <https://mailchi.mp/actalliance.org/subscribe> to receive important information transmitted via mailchimp to all ACT members.

² See <https://actalliance.org/documents/act-alliance-membership-engagement-model/>

Please do not hesitate to contact Penny Blachut, if you require any further information. We look forward to working with you in shaping the future direction of the Alliance and welcome you warmly into the life of our Alliance.

Yours sincerely,



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ACT Alliance General Secretary

Cc. Melton Luhanga MNC Chair
Lorenzo Mota King, LAC MNC member
Elina Ceballos, Cuba Forum Convenor
Carlos Rauda, ACT Regional Representative for LAC
Simon Chambers, ACT Director of Communications